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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Jon S. Kindred et al.	Examiner:	Laura A. Grier
Serial No.:	09/730,200	Group Art Unit:	2615
Filed:	December 05, 2000	Docket:	2457.002US1
Title:	DIGITAL AUTOMATIC GAIN CONTROL		

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

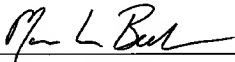
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## **US PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial *	USP Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Filing Date if Appropriate
	US-4,741,018	04/26/1988	Potratz, B. A., et al.	04/24/1987
	US-6,005,953	12/21/1999	Stuhlfelner, F.	12/13/1996
	US-7,139,403	11/21/2006	Richardson, G. , et al.	01/08/2002

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**COMMUNICATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATION(S)**

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Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related application(s) in the above-identified patent application:

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